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August 27, 2003

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D. 
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO AGREEMENT NO. H-209231 WITH
THE ATLAS DATABASE SOFTWARE CORPORATION**

This is to advise you that the Department of Health Services (DHS) is exercising its delegated authority, approved by your Board on August 6, 2002, to execute Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. H-209231 with the Atlas Database Software Corporation (Atlas).

On May 19, 1998, your Board approved a sole source agreement with Atlas to develop the Visual Confidential Morbidity Report (VCMR) system to support surveillance and epidemiologic response to infectious disease outbreaks. Subsequently, your Board approved Amendments No. 1 through 5 with Atlas to maintain and enhance the VCMR system. Funding for these amendments were 100% offset from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity grant and the DHS Vital Records Improvement Fund (VRIF).

On August 6, 2002, your Board approved Amendment No. 6, with Atlas, to: 1) expand the scope of services to enhance support of the VCMR system, increasing the maximum County obligation by \$380,019, from \$1,151,352 to \$1,531,371, and extending the term of the agreement for the period September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003; 2) provide for two 12-month automatic extensions through August 31, 2005; and 3) delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to seek and execute amendments to the Agreement up to 25% of the maximum obligation, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and notification of Board offices. Funding for Amendment No. 6 was 100% offset by CDC Bioterrorism (BT) Supplemental Grant funds and VRIF. The BT Supplemental grant fund (Cooperative Agreement No. U90/CCU917012-03-1) from the CDC, in the amount of \$24,591,171, was accepted by your Board on April 16, 2002, to upgrade local public health jurisdictions' preparedness efforts to respond to bioterrorism.

We are now recommending Amendment No. 7 to: 1) exercise the first 12-month extension for services to be provided September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004; and 2) increase the maximum obligation by \$365,739 (which falls within the 25% maximum for delegated authority), from \$1,531,371 to \$1,897,110. Funding for Amendment No. 7 is 100% offset by CDC BT Supplemental Grant funds referenced above. This amendment will provide for maintenance and enhancements to the existing VCMR system and develop plans for the migration of the VCMR system to a more robust web-based platform with expanded disease surveillance and epidemiologic response capabilities for bioterrorism.

Services to be added or expanded under Amendment No. 7 include:

- Developing an interim disaster recovery capability for the current VCMR environment to ensure access to critical disease outbreak and suspect incident reports.
- Providing 800 Standard Pool Hours in the amount of \$116,000 to provide for minor system enhancements, modifications, and features to support disease reporting and outbreak investigations.
- Providing analysis and planning for migration of VCMR to a web-based platform consistent with local DHS information technology standards and CDC Public Health Information Network/National Electronic Disease Surveillance System functions and technical specifications. This will include migration from Atlas proprietary development tools to Microsoft technologies.
- Providing analysis and planning for the configuration of VCMR to support standards-based interfaces from public health partners including interfaces from California Electronic Laboratory Disease Alert and Reporting (CELDAR) system, hospitals, and commercial laboratories.
- Providing analysis and planning for the development of an Incident Management System to support the data needs of various types of public health emergencies including biological, chemical, radiological, and naturally occurring events (e.g. earthquakes, floods, etc.). Current contract involves high-level planning for Phase I development of a Biological Event Module.

Amendment No. 7, Exhibit I, has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. In addition, the following Board-mandated provisions have been added to the agreement: 1) No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement; 2) Notice To Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law; and 3) Contractor's Acknowledgment of County's Commitment to the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

Attachment A provides additional information.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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NOTED AND APPROVED:

Jon W. Fullinwider
Chief Information Officer

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT
(Atlas Database Software Corporation)

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

Atlas Database Software Corporation (Atlas) has assisted the Department of Health Services in developing graphical interfaces to enhance the communicable disease reporting system. Amendment No. 7 will allow Atlas to migrate the Visual Confidential Morbidity Report system to a web-based platform and develop enhanced disease surveillance and epidemiologic response capabilities.

2. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

Atlas Database Software Corporation
6351 Owensmouth Avenue, Suite 101
Woodland Hills, California 91376
Attention: Stephen C. Atlas
Telephone: (818) 340-7080
Facsimile: (818) 340-7079

3. TERM:

May 19, 1998 through August 31, 2002, with provision for two 12 month automatic extensions from September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004, and September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Amendment No. 7 will extend the term to August 31, 2004, and increase the cumulative maximum obligation by \$365,739, from \$1,531,371 (Amendment No. 6) to \$1,897,110.

		Amend. <u>No.1</u>	Amend. <u>No.2</u>	Amend. <u>No.3</u>	Amend. <u>No.4</u>	Amend. <u>No.5</u>	Amend. <u>No.6</u>	Amend. <u>No.7</u>
Effective 5/19/98 through:	<u>08/31/99</u>	<u>08/31/00</u>	<u>08/31/00</u>	<u>08/31/00</u>	<u>08/31/01</u>	<u>08/31/02</u>	<u>08/31/03</u>	<u>08/31/04</u>
Cumulative Maximum County Obligation	\$120,000	\$210,000	\$283,000	\$356,989	\$709,669	\$1,151,352	\$1,531,371	\$1,897,110
Less: CDC FY 97-98 Funds		(120,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(120,000)
Less: CDC FY 98-99 Funds		(80,000)	(80,000)	(80,000)	(80,000)	(80,000)	(80,000)	(80,000)
Less: CDC FY 99-00		(10,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)
Less: VRIF Funds			(33,000)	(106,989)	(459,669)	(901,352)	(1,021,371)	(1,021,371)
Less: BT Funds 01-03							(260,000)	(260,000)
Less: BT Funds 01-03								(365,739)
Net County Costs:	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -

5. PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:

Countywide.

6. DESIGNATED ACCOUNTABLE FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION:

James Haughton, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, Public Health

7. APPROVALS:

Public Health Programs:	Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Contracts and Grants Division:	Riley J. Austin, Acting Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Christina A. Salseda, Deputy County Counsel